House Resolution No. 1084

Whereas, on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at St. Raymond's Hall (The Cedars), the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO National will bestow the title of Honorary Italian on Peter Rosciglione, Jr., an area native who is the fourth-generation descendant of baker Vincenzo Rosciglione of Palermo, Sicily; and

Whereas, Peter Rosciglione, Jr., was born on October 3, 1949, in St. Louis, lived his early years in the downtown area known as "Little Italy", and maintained his ties to the neighborhood after moving with his family to Walnut Park; and

Whereas, the great-grandfather of Peter Rosciglione, Vincenzo, established a baking business upon his arrival in the United States and specialized in sweets, cookies, gelati and cassata cakes which he and his sons sold to members of the Italian community that was growing with the passage of each and every year; and

Whereas, Rosciglione Bakery, located at 7th and Cole, soon became a neighborhood center for morning socializing and after-church gatherings; and

Whereas, at first doubtful that he would follow in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Peter Rosciglione decided to enter the business since it was not only a respectable trade, but also an art that embodied his Italian heritage; and

Whereas, Peter Rosciglione married the former Pamela Tessmer in 1971, and is now the proud father of four wonderful children, Angie, Gina, Nicci, and Pete, and the grandfather of one; and

Whereas, UNICO National derives its name from the Italian for "only one of its kind" with each of its letters standing for the intrinsically valuable characteristics of Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary career, outstanding community spirit, and impressive life of Peter Rosciglione and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his selection as an Honorary Italian by the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO National; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to recognize Honorary Italian Peter Rosciglione, Jr., of the Rosciglione Bakery in St. Louis.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1084, adopted March 27, 2003.